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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendments

1. Applicant's amendments were sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection applied in the Previous Office Action. Specifically, arguments on page 9 of the Remarks, first full paragraph, are found persuasive.
2. Further, Applicants' remarks regarding the potential application of the Falcone reference on pages 12 and 13 have been considered and are persuasive. Accordingly, the rejections have been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

- Please REPLACE title with following:

COMPUTING PREDICTION RESULTS DURING AN UNBROKEN ONLINE INTERACTIVE SESSION

Authorization for this examiner's amendment below was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Dommer on 5/27/2010.

- Please REPLACE claim 34 as follows:

34. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 33[[1]], wherein the second input value set includes both the first input value set and an additional set of input values, and wherein the method comprises using a decision tree along with the stored state information and the additional set of input values to compute the second prediction result.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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4. As per claim 1, the most relevant prior-art of record is Falcone and discloses the claimed invention with the exceptions set-forth in Applicants' Remarks dated 3/05/2010, pages 12 to 13.
5. Claim 33 is allowable because it incorporate allowable subject matter set-forth above.
6. Dependent claims not specifically mentioned are allowed by virtue of their dependency.

The art of record, either individually or in combination, fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious invention having the corresponding function that is claimed. In view of the foregoing, the Instant Claims of the present application are found to be patentable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

All claims are found allowable over prior-art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Silver whose telephone number is (571) 272-8634. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 10am to 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah can be reached on 571-272-2279. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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